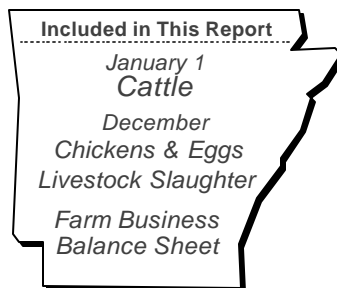


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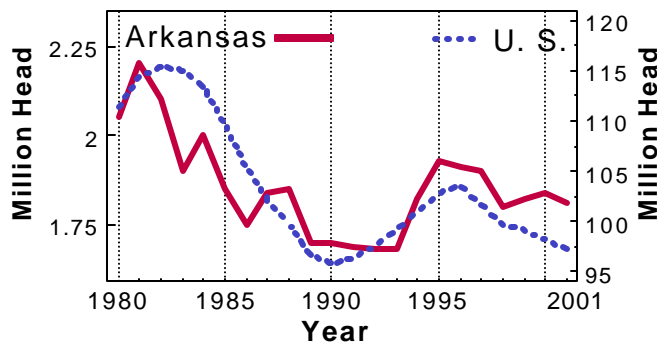
JANUARY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

ARKANSAS all cattle and calves as of January 1, 2001, totaled 1.81 million head, 2 percent below January 1, 2000. Other class estimates and the changes from January 1, 2000, are as follows: **beef cows** that have calved, 929,000 head, up slightly; **milk cows** that have calved, 41,000 head, down 2 percent; **beef cow replacement heifers**, 160,000 head, down 6 percent; **milk cow replacement heifers**, 15,000 head, unchanged; **steers** weighing 500 pounds and over,

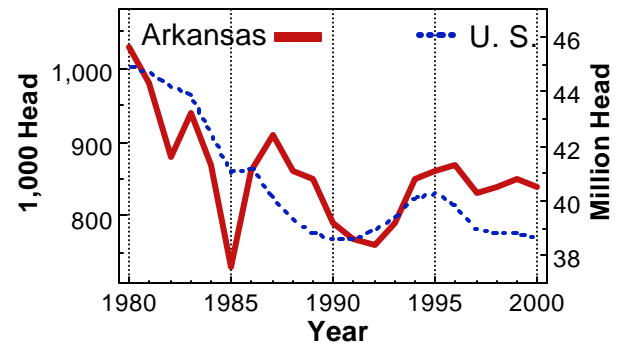
105,000 head, up 5 percent; and **calves** under 500 pounds, 440,000 head, down 5 percent. The 2000 **calf crop** was estimated at 840,000 head, down 1 percent.

The number of operations with cattle and calves during 2000 totaled 31,000, unchanged from 1999. Beef cow operations, at 28,000, also unchanged, and milk cow operations, at 1,000, were down 9 percent.

January 1 Cattle Inventory
Arkansas and U. S., 1980-2001



Annual Calf Crop
Arkansas and U. S., 1980-2000

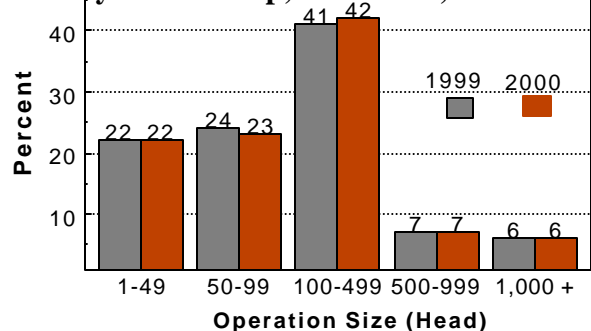


CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER BY CLASS, ARKANSAS AND U. S., JANUARY 1, 2000 - 2001

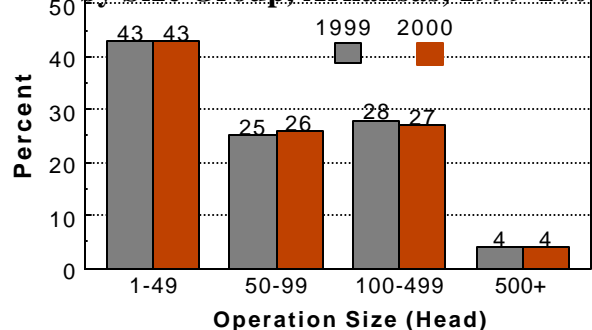
Class	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
	2000	2001	% Chg.	2000	2001	% Chg.
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Percent
All Cattle and Calves	1,840	1,810	-2	98,198.0	97,308.5	-1
All Cows and Heifers That Have	970	970	0	42,758.8	42,603.1	0
Beef Cows That Have Calved	928	929	0	33,569.0	33,400.2	-1
Milk Cows That Have Calved	42	41	-2	9,189.8	9,202.9	0
All Heifers 500 pounds and over	250	240	-4	19,649.3	19,774.9	+1
For Beef Cow Replacement Heifers	170	160	-6	5,502.8	5,588.1	+2
For Milk Cow Replacement Heifers	15	15	0	3,997.7	4,046.8	+1
Other Heifers	65	65	0	10,146.8	10,140.0	0
Steers 500 Pounds and Over	100	105	+5	16,682.2	16,438.1	-1
Bulls 500 Pounds and Over	55	55	0	2,292.7	2,271.8	-1
Calves Under 500 Pounds	465	440	-5	16,815.0	16,220.6	-4
Cattle and Calves on Feed 1/	11	11	0	14,003.0	14,199.4	+1
	1999	2000	% Chg.	1999	2000	% Chg.
Calf Crop During Year	850	840	-1	38,796.4	38,620.6	0

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by classes.

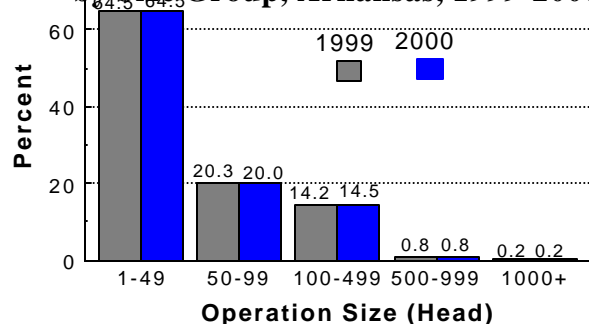
**Percent of Cattle Inventory
by Size Group, Arkansas, 1999-2000**



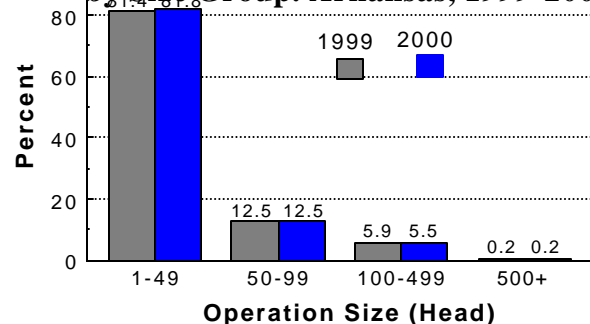
**Percent of Beef Cow Inventory
by Size Group, Arkansas, 1999-2000**



**Percent of Cattle Operations
by Size Group, Arkansas, 1999-2000**



**Percent of Beef Cow Operations
by Size Group, Arkansas, 1999-2000**



Percentages reflect average distributions during the year, and may not add due to rounding.

NUMBER OF OPERATIONS WITH CATTLE, DURING YEAR 1999 -2000

Operation Class 1/	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
	1999	2000	% Change from 1999	1999	2000	% Change from 1999
	<i>Number</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Operations with Cattle and Calves	31,000	31,000	0	1,096,550	1,075,860	-2
Operations Having 1-49 Head	20,000	20,000	0	685,600	669,150	-2
50-99 Head	6,300	6,200	-2	186,430	185,250	-1
100-499 Head	4,400	4,500	+2	197,040	193,120	-2
500-999 Head	240	240	0	18,095	18,615	+3
1,000+ Head	60	60	0	9,385	9,725	+4
Operations with Beef Cows 2/	28,000	28,000	0	844,170	830,880	-2
Operations Having 1-49 Head	22,800	22,900	0	666,750	653,550	-2
50-99 Head	3,500	3,500	0	101,250	100,640	-1
100-499 Head	1,640	1,540	-6	70,765	71,175	+1
500+ Head	60	60	0	5,405	5,515	+2
Operations with Milk Cows 3/	1,100	1,000	-9	111,000	105,250	-5

1/ Operation classes are classified into size groups independently. Therefore, it is possible to have more beef cow operations in particular size group than cattle operations.

2/ An operation is any place having one or more head of cattle/beef cows on hand at any time during the year.

3/ Operations having one or more head of milk cows, excluding cows used to nurse calves, on hand at any time during the year. Included in operations with cattle.

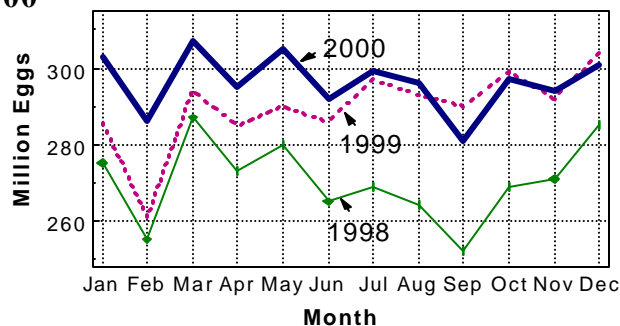
DECEMBER LAYERS AND EGGS, AND CHICKS HATCHED, ARKANSAS AND U. S., 1999-2000

Item	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
		1999	2000	% Chg.	1999	2000	% Chg.
Egg Production Total	<i>Million Eggs</i>	304	301	-1	7,279	7,275	0
Table Eggs	<i>Million Eggs</i>	116	124	+7	6,198	6,196	0
Hatching Eggs	<i>Million Eggs</i>	188	177	-6	1,081	1,079	0
All Layers 1/	<i>Thousands</i>	15,782	15,250	-3	328,828	331,908	+1
Rate of Lay 2/	<i>Number</i>	1,926	1,977	+3	2,214	2,192	-1
Chicks Hatched:							
Egg Type	<i>Thousands</i>	727	738	+2	33,045	35,008	+6
Broiler Type	<i>Thousands</i>	110,968	107,517	-3	748,438	738,796	-1

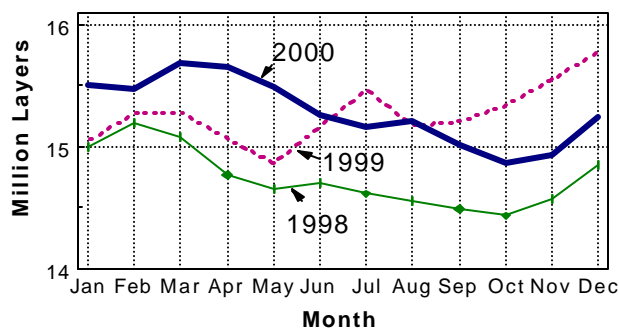
1/ Includes all layers in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

2/ Eggs produced per 100 layers in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

Arkansas Egg Production by Month, 1998-2000



Arkansas Layers by Month, 1998-2000



DECEMBER RED MEAT PRODUCTION, CATTLE AND HOG SLAUGHTER, 1999 - 2000

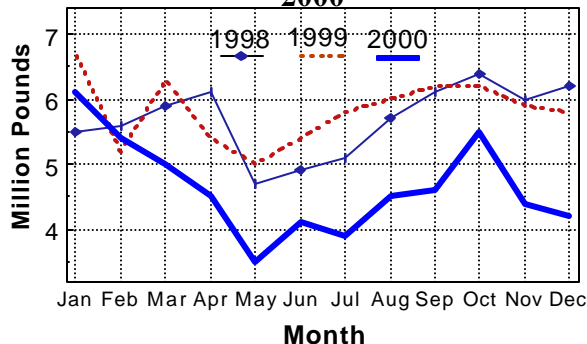
Item	Unit	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES		
		1999	2000	% Chg.	1999	2000	% Chg.
Red Meat Production 1/	<i>Million Lbs.</i>	5.8	4.2*	-27 3/	3,862.2	3,619.8	-6
Cattle Slaughter Total	<i>1,000 Head</i>	1.9	1.2*	-37	2,874.8	2,718.7	-5
Federally Inspected	<i>1,000 Head</i>	1.3	0.7	-46	2,814.2	2,664.9	-5
Total Live Weight	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	1,670	1,059	-37	3,521,551	3,328,657	-5
Average Live Weight	<i>Lbs.</i>	894	902	+1	1,225	1,224	0
Hog Slaughter Total 2/	<i>1,000 Head</i>	4/	4/	-	8,884.7	8,094.4	-9
Federally Inspected	<i>1,000 Head</i>	4/	4/	-	8,719.2	7,942.4	-9
Total Live Weight	<i>1,000 Lbs.</i>	4/	4/	-	2,320,418	2,143,352	-8
Average Live Weight	<i>Lbs.</i>	4/	4/	-	261	265	+2

* Record low for December. 1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, and lamb and mutton. 2/ Excludes slaughter on farms. 3/ Based on unrounded data. 4/ Arkansas data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations, but still included in the U.S. total.

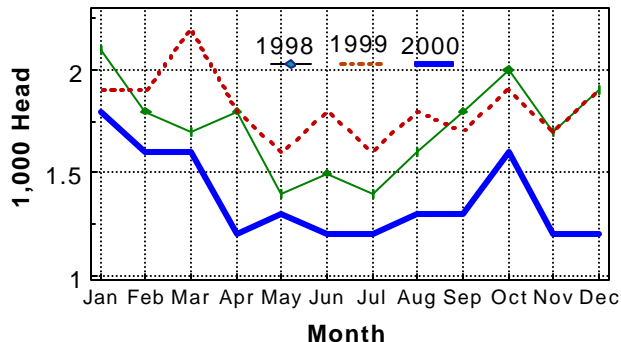
Arkansas calf and sheep slaughter data are also not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

December 2000 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays, compared to 23 weekdays and 4 Saturdays (including one holiday) in December 1999.

Arkansas Red Meat Production by Month, 1998-2000



Arkansas Cattle Slaughter by Month, 1998-2000



1999 FARM BUSINESS BALANCE SHEET

ARKANSAS: The December 1999 value of farm real estate, which represents the largest component of farm assets was up 2 percent from the previous year and represented 74 percent of total farm assets.

Commercial banks and Farm Credit System are the largest sources of credit for farmers, providing 70 percent of the agricultural loan volume outstanding as of December 31, 1999, and up 3 percent from 1998.

FARM BUSINESS BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, SELECTED YEARS, ARKANSAS AND U. S.

Item	ARKANSAS			UNITED STATES			
	1990	1998	1999	1998	1999	Forecast 1/ 2000	2001
Number of Farms	<i>Number</i>			<i>Thousands</i>			
	47,000	49,500	48,500	2,191.4	2,194.1	na	na
Total Farm Assets	<i>Million Dollars</i>			<i>Billion Dollars</i>			
	15,681.6	21,234.8	21,867.4	1,085.5	1,116.6	1,121.0	1,132.1
Real Estate	11,825.6	15,862.1	16,252.2	841.8	870.0	874.4	883.1
Livestock & Poultry 2/	1,101.4	1,009.8	1,191.7	63.4	70.6	69.7	71.0
Machinery & Motor Vehicles	1,685.3	1,981.5	1,915.2	90.2	89.0	89.3	89.4
Crops Stored	139.1	659.1	758.0	30.1	26.9	28.1	28.0
Purchased Inputs	36.5	34.1	27.3	5.3	4.2	4.5	4.6
Financial	893.6	1,688.2	1,723.1	54.8	55.8	55.0	56.0
Total Farm Business Debt 4/	3,027.0	4,195.6	4,315.1	172.9	176.4	180.6	182.8
Real Estate	1,655.1	2,371.5	2,521.9	89.6	94.2	97.3	98.6
Nonreal Estate	1,371.9	1,824.1	1,793.2	83.2	82.2	83.2	84.2
Lender Total:							
Farm Credit System	683.6	1,194.1	1,201.5	45.7	46.2	na	na
Farm Service Agency	576.2	228.0	227.5	8.1	7.9	na	na
Commercial Banks	994.5	1,749.8	1,822.7	70.0	71.8	na	na
Life Insurance Companies	280.5	320.8	343.7	10.7	11.5	na	na
Individual & Others	492.0	702.9	719.7	38.4	39.0	na	na
CCC Storage & Drying	183.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Farm Equity	12,654.6	17,039.2	17,552.3	912.7	940.1	940.4	949.3
Ratio:	<i>Percent</i>						
Debt/Equity	23.9	24.6	24.6	18.9	18.8	19.2	19.3
Debt/Assets	19.3	19.8	19.7	15.9	15.8	16.1	16.1

Numbers may not add due to rounding. **na** - Not available. **1/** Forecast not available for individual state. **2/** Excludes horses, mules, and broilers. **3/** Includes only farm share value for trucks and autos. **4/** Excludes debt for nonfarm purposes.

Source: Agricultural Income and Finance Report, Economic Research Service, USDA.